

The Weekly Ledger

THE Chautauqua opens Saturday evening. Be ready and willing to attend and make the Assembly a great success.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN will speak at the Mexico Chautauqua on Tuesday, Aug. 2. There should be another Klingling's circus crowd here on that occasion.

IT seems fitting to be a great feature of this year's Chautauqua Assembly. Quite a number of families are to leave home as well as several societies and young men. The only time way to enjoy the Chautauqua is to stay there all the time in a tent.

FREDERICK & WILKINS are arranging to install in their Ladies Ready-to-Wear Department the Grand Rapids Sun Chautauqua. They will put in an above manner. There will be most beautiful improvements to the up-to-date store which under the management of Joe Wilkins has been made one of the leading business houses in Mexico.

ALFRED PITTMAN, of the Kansas City Star copy desk, now has charge of the Tidings of the Times and the Missouri Notes columns. In filling a position so capably handled by Len Shapiro, Mr. Pittman has a record on the Star and Times. It is quite evident he was the man for the place. Mr. Pittman is a son of the Rev. N. R. Pittman, formerly of this city. His many friends join the Ledger in congratulating him.

THE nineteenth day after the adjournment of the Legislature falls on Sunday, August 15th. The law providing for county supervision of schools will take effect Monday, August 16th, and the county superintendent can qualify under it on or after that date by filing a bond, taking the oath and receiving a new commission. The salary of the county superintendent of schools is based on the population of the county.

THE convention of county superintendents of public schools will meet in Jefferson City, Tuesday, August 16, 1909. This is Missouri Day, the 86th anniversary of her admission to the Union, an appropriate time to hold an important educational meeting. This convention will continue in session five days. Many prominent educators will be present and join in the discussions.

THE installation of an immense section pump in the Friedman-Schuyler Flour Factory of this city for the purpose of removing any dust in the building as well as keeping pure air in free circulation all the time is most commendable. Mr. Morris stated the pump was not really required as the building is almost all windows and is well arranged for ventilation but rather than have any question as to the condition of their employer's health from working in the factory this pump was installed.

AMONG the names in the published list of lobbyists in Jefferson City who had registered but failed to file their expense account was Judge W. W. Botts, of this city. Upon investigation the Ledger ascertains Judge Botts was at the State capital in the late part of the interurban line which he has cast his fortunes. He has written the Secretary of State and filed an expense account of \$125. This eliminates him from any prosecution for not complying with the law.

THE suggestion made Tuesday by a member of the Business Men's Association, that a Corn Carnival and fall festivities be held during the ex-Confederate reunion in this city on Sept. 25-29 is an excellent one. The date is early for such a celebration, but the reason could not be set any later. The kind of a carnival and the form of entertainment is a matter which should be given careful consideration before definitely launched. The position of the city government is decidedly against the old time street carnival with its numerous pay shows. This form of amusement has almost been worn out, at best, and a new and more inviting form of amusement should be arranged. Why not advertise and have everything free? The Mexico band will be in a position to furnish the music by that time; besides can be built about the square in which the farm products can be shown and the various free entertainments be placed at convenient points so all merchants will be given equal treatment as to the movements of the crowds. For a few hundred dollars four days' free entertainment can be arranged with a horse show that will attract thousands to this city. Mexico cannot have too much advertising and this form will bring thousands of dollars here.

IN September Hugh Donnelly, janitor of the North Side School, enters upon his 21st year in that capacity. During that period thousands of children have attended the school and in every one of them this genial, whole-souled janitor has found a friend. He has proved most efficient in his care of the school, and is never too tired to do anything that means the improvement or betterment of his building. The Ledger congratulates the School Board upon their employment of Mr. Donnelly and wishes him many more anniversaries of success.

OWING to a misunderstanding, it was stated in the published Chautauqua program there would be a charge for all teams admitted to Assembly grounds. There will be no such charge made.

Mrs. C. L. Morris and sister, Mrs. W. G. White have just returned from a visit in Ft. Smith, Ark., with relatives and friends. They also visited in various parts in Oklahoma and had a time coming home through the high water and say Old Missouri looks good to them.

CALL AND SETTLE. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the late Dr. A. M. Patterson please call and settle at earliest convenience. DWIT

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BIG LOSSES ARE REVEALED WHEN THE FLOOD WATERS RECEDE

DAMAGE TO FARMERS AND RAILROADS IN RIVER BOTTOMS KEYS TO HIGH FIGURES. THOUSANDS OF ACRES TO BE WET FOR YEARS.

Large Lakes are Left on Once Fertile Fields—Fertile Eggs Destroyed—Shades Drive Back Owners For Safety.

With the gradual retreating of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers the great damage done by the flood near St. Louis and in other sections of the State is becoming apparent. The loss to farmers and to the railroads this year is far more than was caused by the overflow of 1907. In Southern Illinois and in the vicinity of Missouri Point the devastation has been especially great.

Some of the overflow in the neighborhood of the Fort-Clark and Alton rivers will wash in to the channel of the Mississippi. Large lakes have been formed behind the levees. Until they are evaporated they will cover the fertile land they have raised. It may be several years before several thousand acres of farm land can be reclaimed.

Fields May Be Destroyed. In the vicinity of Creve Coeur Lake, where there are hundreds of acres of orchard land, a peculiar condition has arisen that threatens to destroy the trees even after the flood has passed. Every tree in the vicinity is covered with millions of insects, ranging from large grasshoppers and caterpillars to minute beetles that cannot be seen without a microscope.

When the water began covering the grass and weeds the insects, in self-preservation, climbed upon the trees, going higher and higher as the waters rose. Some of the huge are hovers. The orchardists are afraid their trees will be ruined.

In St. Louis county, Gravois Creek, the Missouri river and the River des Peres are receding, but in their wake can be seen thousands of acres of washed out corn. The carcasses of cattle that were unable to escape are being uncovered as the waters return to their channels.

Snakes driven from their cozy homes along the banks of the river, have gone into the very doors of the cottages.

The loss to the railroads of the State is estimated in the thousands.

SHALL WE RAISE THE LICENSE? To the Ledger:— Now that we have ALL seen Ringling's, the greatest show on earth, don't you think it would be a wise action for the County Court to take, to make the license so high, for the next five years, that it would be prohibitive? Say \$50.00 for each day's exhibition. It's true the circus spends some money, when it comes, but the POOR PEOPLE must not pay the bill, or they would not visit us. After we have had a rest of a few years, then it would be proper to raise the bill, and allow the parents of the later generation to take them to see the animals, having had a rest, they the parents will be in a better mood, and can make a better exhibition of themselves, as well as show the kids how to attend a circus. If the attention of the Court is called to this matter, believe they would rescind their old order and when the people and time get ripe for a circus, a reasonable fee could be substituted for the prohibitive one. P. E. LOCKE

ENJOYS READING THE LEDGER. IN TEXAS. John Potts, formerly of this city, but who is now a partner with his father, Hon. J. A. Potts, owning a fine saddle horse ranch in Ecuador, Texas, in remitting for the Weekly Ledger says: "I mail you a dollar for your paper. I enjoy getting it, for it is just like getting a letter from my old home. Hope to see all of you good people soon."

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES AT LIBERTY CHURCH. Children's Day exercises were observed at Liberty church, 15 miles northwest of Mexico Sunday, and a basket dinner was enjoyed. Rev. W. H. Hook preached in the afternoon. Liberty church has one of the largest congregations of any country church in the county, and has a well organized Sunday School. The Rev. Mr. Hook is pastor and preaches there two Sundays in each month.

MEXICO LEOS, 6. CENTRALIA, 2. The Mexico Leos defeated the Centralia base ball team at Centralia Sunday afternoon by the score of 6 to 2. This is the fifth game that the Mexico team has played and have won 5 of them. This is the third game with Centralia.

SMALL BOY NARROWLY ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY. A small boy, identity unknown, came near being seriously injured Saturday evening at the balloon ascension. A pole fell as the balloon was released, striking him. Fortunately he escaped without serious hurt.

HALLIBURTON TO MEET BUSINESS MEN AND SOLDIERS. W. H. Halliburton, State Commander of the Ex-Confederate veterans, will be in this city Tuesday and meet representatives of the Mexico Business Men's Association and members of the W. H. Kennan Camp of ex-Confederates at Hopkins & Edmunds' office at 3 o'clock. Preliminary arrangements will be perfected for the approaching reunion of ex-Confederates to be held here this fall. All interested are invited to attend.

C. A. Rothwell. Mr. Perry, Jr., also, has a responsible position with the Alton at Bloomington. In the capacity of City Passenger and Ticket Agent. He is a most genial young man and will be in Mexico about a week.

I AM back at the old stand and will appreciate any and all favors. S. M. HOWARD.

MAJOR HEARS FROM JUDGE W. W. BOTTS IN ROLE OF LOBBYIST

THE REV. DOCTOR RAY PALMER OF JEFFERSON CITY WHO REGISTERED ANNOYED BY COMMENTS OF ST. LOUIS PAPER CONCERNING HIS CASE.

Notifies Several Corporations He is On Their Train—Mexico Man Files Account After Delay.

Jefferson City, July 29. Attorney General Major is casting about for information as to what corporations were represented before the last session of the Legislature by attorneys or agents, and have not filed statements with the Secretary of State as to the amount paid for lobby service.

The Attorney General does not know all the corporations that had legislative agents here. He has sent notices of delinquency to the Western Union Telegraph Company, the American Tobacco Company and to the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern and Illinois Central railroads.

The Reverend Doctor Ray Palmer, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, who was informed during the last session of the Legislature in State-wide prohibition, registered as a lobbyist, and who later asked the Secretary of State to erase his name, which the latter considered he had no authority to do, a somewhat annoyed because he is among the delinquents, having failed to file any statement with the Secretary of State.

To-day four persons whose names appear on the lobby register and who had previously failed to file their statements, went the same to the Secretary. They are: W. W. Botts, Mexico, legislation affecting interurban railroads, \$1.25; John M. Williams, California Insurance legislation, \$11.50; M. W. Spencer, Hannibal, sanitary legislation affecting hotels, \$45; C. H. Bowers, Hannibal, sanitary legislation affecting hotels, \$20.

WHEAT AVERAGES 26 BUSHELS AN ACRE. C. H. Ch. Hartman threshed his wheat last week. He had 18 acres, which yielded him an average of 26 bushels to the acre. Mr. Ch. Hartman has been experimenting with the threshing machine. This was used for the first time to remove the chaff from the grain. Mr. Ch. Hartman found it to be most beneficial. It is very cheap, costing not more than two to two and a half dollars a ton, and improves the condition of the soil very much. Mr. Ch. Hartman also threshed his oats Monday that averaged 44 bushels.

INCREASED COST OF STATE INSTITUTIONS. Editor Ledger:— The following is the increased cost in some State institutions in the last few years: School of Mines \$ 99,000 Five Normal Schools 620,000 Deaf and Dumb Asylum 101,000 Four Insane Asylums 475,000 Booneville Reformatory 148,000 Fed. and Confed. Homes 142,000 Industrial and People's Manual Home 291,000 State Sanitarium 122,000 University 532,000 State Fair 69,000 General Assembly 98,000 \$2,948,000 Several of these institutions have been established since 1897. J. F. Llewellyn.

MILLER-BARNES WEDDING. MONDAY IN ST. LOUIS. Renfro Miller, son of H. L. Miller and wife, of this city, was married Monday, July 19, to Miss Jessie Barnes, of St. Louis. Renfro now has a good position in St. Louis. After August 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at home to their friends at No. 1154 Bayard Ave., St. Louis. Renfro is an old Mexico boy and his many friends here will be joined by the Ledger in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

W. H. BROWN DISPOSES OF HIS TEXAS LAND. W. H. Brown sold his half section of Texas land Monday to parties in that State. He states he received a little more than \$28 an acre. Mr. Brown intended to go to Texas to spend the winter, but since the sale he is undecided just what he will do. The edge hopes that Mr. Brown and his estimable wife will conclude to remain in Mexico.

BRYAN'S SUBJECT CHOSEN FOR LOCAL ASSEMBLY. Geo. Robertson, president of the Mexico Chautauqua Assembly, is in receipt of a letter from the Stanton Lyceum union, announcing William Jennings Bryan will deliver his last lecture, "The Prince of Peace," at the local Assembly Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 2:30 p. m.

FREE ATTRACTION SECURED DURING THE FAIR. Chas. Eckhart, aviator, gymnast and "jack of all trades" who has been in Mexico for some days giving various free exhibitions on the streets, has been engaged by the Fair Association to entertain the throng which gathers on the grounds.

BALLOON DID NOT RISE HIGH ENOUGH. An aeronaut made a balloon ascension in this city Saturday evening, intending to return to earth via parachute. An insufficient amount of hot air resulted in his rising but 1000 feet and before sufficient altitude had been reached to insure safety in cutting the parachute loose, the balloon started to return to earth. It alighted in Woodlawn, having started from Hoxsey's Hotel.

The Mexico Chautauqua

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Why Attend The Mexico Chautauqua

1. No better Chautauqua in the West.
2. Mexico people believe in boosting Mexico.
3. A good attendance this year assures a Chautauqua in Mexico for years to come.
4. Everyone will find just the attractions they want to hear. Out of the list you can choose at least one half dozen.
5. The American people will like to hear Bryan.

The Christians will glory in Wendling's defence of Christianity, and the doubter will get something to think about.

The musician will be charmed with Kyril and his band and singers. All will enjoy him.

The Socialist will find Dixon a worthy foe, and the believer in Individualism will delight in him as a colleague. Ratto, Amsberr, Pearson, Rice, Rogers & Grilley, Parker & Reno present entertainments of splendid merit.

A good opportunity will be yours. Will you take it and use it.

Read the Booklet Buy a Course Ticket

Come Every Day

JULY 23 AUG. 3

THANKS, WE'LL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON. To the Editor of the Ledger:— Sturgeon, Mo., July 15.

At the request of the officials of the Sturgeon Fair Association I am sending you a complimentary ticket to the Sturgeon Fair which begins on August 17 and lasts four days.

When you read these lines I will be started on my trip to Alaska, but it is my intention to be back on the opening day of the Sturgeon Fair and I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in Sturgeon on one of the days of the Fair. We have erected a special press box for the comfort of visiting newspaper men and we would like to have you visit us. We have the finest locust grove ever

sat under by a Missouri editor, and our luncheon will be the rosiest ever drunk. We have a private road way to the fair grounds to be used by automobiles and you ought to buy a few gallons of gasoline and pull right out for Sturgeon in your machine.

Hoping to see you at our Fair and with best wishes I am, Yours truly, Omar D. Gray.

Homer Bradford, of the St. Louis Times, is taking a ten days' business trip to Detroit, Boston, New York and will return home by way of Washington City. Mrs. Bradford is accompanying him.

Miss Victoria Brooks, who has been ill for several weeks, is reported improving.

W. J. Botts, wife and baby are in Excelsior Springs on a visit.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS WITH MOTOR RIDE. F. E. Bruton, of the Wabash, entertained several friends Sunday, with a motor ride over the city. Those who were his guests were: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mayer, of Elks City, Ok.; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Harris and Mrs. Daniels of Sturgeon.

The entertainment of the State encampment of the United Confederate Veterans in this city this fall should be made so attractive, not only the ex-soldiers would be glad to attend but others would desire to be present. Hospitality and this should be maintained.

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Chunks of Driftwood

One Ruben Dill. Oh! you jolly Bill Dippers! Oh! you big jolly red tomato! Meet me at the Airborne, Saphy, dear. I'll be there.

Little Stella Peck, who is ill of typhoid fever, is some better. Col. Hugh Towsen, who has been a sick man, is very much better. Callaway county farmers lost over \$1,000,000 by the flood last week.

Meinhardt Sassebeck is taking his vacation and a much-needed rest. Guy Holliday, a bright little fellow, is first assistant to Amos Jenkins at the river counter at Sassebeck's.

I'm cruel to say it, but now is the time to say to your water's supply of coal and wood—if you have the cash. Mrs. Vin Sanford, of Okla., Kansas, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. John Gregg, who has been quite sick but is now some better.

St. Joseph Press-News: That greasy look on the faces of the young people is due to intimate relations with corn on the cob. Col. Alf. Klein, a Callaway County grain man, has bought up 60,000 bushels of Callaway wheat at prices ranging from 55 cents to \$1.05 per bushel.

The St. Joseph Press-News says there is the usual anxiety to know where the farms removed by the Missouri River this season will be located when the high water goes down. George Laforce had three teams and men at work in his corn field Monday. George will have a bumper crop and will give African farmers a little touch of high life along all kinds of farm work.

The Centralia Courier: "Dave Ball, the Piker who beat the Democratic party in Missouri last year, is out for Governor. Guess Dave will run on the Republican ticket this time." What do you think of that? Prof. Thomas Benton O'Toole, the bard of the north forks of the historic Osage River, was in Mexico to see the big circus. The Owl doesn't know where the Professor will teach this fall and winter. Thomas comes high but he always makes good.

Miss Fay Brandon, formerly with the Ledger, is now society editor of a Sugar Creek, Mo., paper. Miss Fay wields a trenchant pen and will make good. Here's the Owl's joyous "Hi!"

Gene Sullivan was in town shaking hands with friends Monday. Colonel Sullivan says growing crops in his section look splendid. Gene's nifty mint crop was hard hit by a recent wind storm. Too bad.

Col. John McIntyre, one of the head leaders of the big African County Fair in August, tells the Ledger Owl that the coming event promises to far surpass all previous efforts. Make your arrangements to attend and have a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Owl will occupy front seats every day.

Already, the Owl hears the names of at least 75 or 80 good African men who will be candidates for county offices at the next election. Listen: Don't know if we shall not be a candidate for Collector or County Clerk, by the way. We are now feeling of the public pulse. We want a fair vote.

J. Ed. Patton, the expert harness and saddle repair artist, has the Owl's thanks for favors. Mr. Patton has a suite of rooms over Cropper's grocery store and is prepared to do all kinds of harness and saddle repair work on short notice and at reasonable prices. All work guaranteed as first-class.

Major Q. Mack Jones, living up Thompson way, was shopping in Mexico Tuesday. Major Jones says the growing crops in his section look splendid. Major Jones, Col. Joe Pratt and up-to-the-minute road drag and Joe is now dragging the road and is telling off with his large team of draft horses. Would that grand old African County had more Jones's Curreys and Pratts and a whole lot more George Pickett road drags.

The great editor of the Ledger writes the Owl from Long Island and among other things says he is having a lovely time—no continuous road, as it were—lashing in the ocean, playing golf, eating half dozen times a day and pitching horseshoes for a little bit of recreation. He is doing some mighty tall talking in behalf of Cottonwood Springs and sends the Owl a five to help push a good thing along. Thanks, a awful! Col. White will again be at his desk in about ten days, even better prepared to deal out gospel truths to his many thousands of readers than ever before. Long and a prosperous life to friend White.

Mexico's noted Bill Dipper Club took to the woods Tuesday to have a good time and they'll have it too. It's a way they have. The Owl is sorry he can't be with the jolly bunch at this their annual meeting. Several new members will be initiated into the "dark mysteries" of the Club and other important matters attended to. The degree run up to the 3rd mark, which is the highest. This degree is known as "The Degree of Humility," which is very degrading, and entitles the victim to a pension and twelve months in the county jail. The Owl hopes that no member will be seized with an attack of "acute indignation" or have a case of duck-ager. Particulars of the day's doings later on.

Jay Bennett, while repairing a well pump the other day, got his hand severely pinched. A young St. Louis "specialist" dresses the hand every day and the wound is rapidly healing. Jay will probably hurt his hand again so as to keep the "specialist" in Mexico several weeks longer.

The awning of the purple windows on second floor of Ledger was beautifully decorated with Cottonwood Springs flowers circus day and the Owl is at a loss to know who the girls were casting goo-goo eyes at the flowers of the Owl. Anyway, we had a jolly time catching the sweet smiles of the dear girls. Wish Col. Bob White could have been with us.

Here's the Ledger Owl's glad song to Fritchett Hume and his accomplished and handsome young bride. Fritchett has sure picked a sweet flower from the Garden of Love. May they live long and prosper and may their path way through life always be strewn with the sweet-scented Cottonwood Springs Lilies of the Valley.

Dr. Kanaly will probably make an ascension to the clouds in a balloon coming this week to take a few observations for his weather students at Lake Killarney. Loren Weeks may accompany Dr. Kanaly.

There are now more people at the fair in town since the circus. There's nothing doing. The farmers are working in their fields, and their sisters and their cousins and their aunts are busy sprucing up for the Chautauqua and big County Fair. It's a way they have. O, joy!

Col. Hugh Towsen is ill.

The Owl is not to be whipped. Walt: we around again, Willie. Corn remains King—then the Queen. Ben Berry is back. "They all come back."

The voice of thy thrashing machine is heard throughout this county. The Owl doesn't know which way he is going, but he's on his way. Horace Gooding is home from Kansas City. "They all come back."

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of our good old friend, Rev. James Bradley. The circus has come and gone. It was a splendid show. You got your money's worth. Don't howl.

Col. Wm. Pratt attended a love fest of the Salvation Army at Moberly Sunday. Col. Pratt tells the Owl he had a jingly time. Miss Idaline Noble, of Evansville, Indiana, has returned to her home after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Harry Debbing, of this city.

Wife, remits me my penalty. Call the porter your trunk to pack— Say you are coming?—and bring the trunk. These gowns that button up the back. —Punk.

Mrs. Frank M. Williams and Mrs. Luther Criswell and daughter, Miss Pauline, are home from a pleasant visit to St. Louis relatives. Just ask Judge Joe Williams to tell you the funny story about a case of "mistaken identity" while the Judge and the Owl were going out the west door of the Airborne Saturday night.

Col. Stout D. Stillwell, of New Florence, is the guest of his friend, Col. Ward Parsons, who is manager of the Henry Stowers farm, during Col. Stowers' absence in the West. Charlie Head tells the Owl a funny story on our friend, Dr. Hawkins, who reeled off a little stunt Sunday morning not pertinent to the program. It was an exceedingly "close call" for the gallant physician.

What has become of Davis & Ferguson, the watermelon kings of near Thompson? The Ledger force is yearning for a big fat, juicy melon of the Cottonwood Springs variety. Miss Ella Watkins, of St. Louis, who has been the charming guest of Mrs. Harry Debbing, of West Liberty Street, this city, for several weeks, returned to her home Sunday. Miss Watkins had a delightful visit and found her soul-mate. Two hearts that beat as one. "Huff said."

Sam Malone and the Ledger Owl will probably take a little flight to the clouds one evening this week in Sam's air machine, "Oakland City." If we land safely, we shall take our wives to the Airborne. Won't that be just perfectly sweetly lovely?

The Owl lost one hundred and twenty cents Saturday between the Ledger office and Llewellyn's store. The loss "falls heavily" on us as it was money to be paid for business liver for Sunday. We went without the liver. Finder will please keep the dollar but for heavens sake send us the twenty cents and no questions will be asked. We must have liver.

The Owl was a delighted patron of the Airborne Saturday night, our first visit to this popular cool air emporium. There was a monster bunch of people there and they saw a first-class show—each actress and actor playing well her or his part. Each member of the company is an artist. We congratulate Major Waterman on securing such an up-to-date attraction for the enjoyment of our theater-going people. Show all this week.

Mrs. Barbara Wilcox, of Canton, Illinois, Mrs. Duncan and two charming daughters, Miss Gertrude and Myrtle, of South Audrain, and Mrs. Roger Hunt and Miss Philopine Hunt, of North Audrain, were delighted Sunday guests of Mrs. Logan Bybee. A sumptuous dinner was spread and all had a jolly time. Mrs. Bybee was charmingly assisted in entertaining her guests by her charming daughter, Miss Linnie. The day was spent in the passing of one sweet dream.

Unintentionally, the Owl stepped on a gingerly bumble bee nest Sunday morning. For a time there was something doing and the light was fast and furious and the bees got the best of the Owl by a large majority. While fighting for our life we wore the rim of a good hat and had both our eyes